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January, 2003

Dear 4-H Volunteers:

Welcome to our first 4-H Newsletter of 2003! We want to fill you in on some of the exciting new things that will be happening this year—and remind you of a few “old things”.

We are very pleased to announce our Leadership Training Series, beginning January 18. We have put together 3 hour sessions to be held on Saturday mornings throughout the year. Please register by the preceding Monday for each workshop. We need 10 people registered for the training. The workshops will contain required information for all leaders and some very useful training on skills that every good leader can use. The schedule is as follows:

January 18-9-noon	Risk Management*, About Youth, Caring Adults & Current Roles
February 15-9-noon	Financial Policies*, Personality IQ
March 8, Super Saturday	Volunteer Orientation (VO)*, Conflict Resolution*, Judging*, Public Presentations*, Record Books*, Setting Ground Rules, Experiential Learning Model
April 19	Getting Ready for Fair/Characteristics of Youth
May 17	Vol. Orientation(VO)*, Essential Elements to Support Youth
June 21	Leadership and Resources, Understanding Diversity
Aug. 16	Vol. Orientation(VO)*, Communicating One to One, Peer Groups
October 18	Full Value Contract, How to Run a Meeting, Risk Behaviors, Circle of Support
Nov 15 Super Saturday	Financial Policies*, Volunteer Orientation*, Conflict Resolution*, Judging*, Public Presentations*, Record Books*, Risk Management*, Youth & Adults as Full Partners

*required

An important reminder: As you know, it is necessary this year for ALL leaders and volunteers to complete the 4-H Enrollment Form and the Washington State Patrol Criminal History check form. Thank you to the many who have already done so. If you haven't yet completed your forms, PLEASE DO SO AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. Remember—we cannot register you as a leader until these forms are received in this office.

We wish all of our 4-H family a healthy, and productive new year. We will see you soon.

Helping to make the best better,
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Calendar Dates:

January 16	Project Night, Child Protection Video, CE Office, 6:30-9 PM
January 18	Volunteer training, CE Office, 9 AM-Noon
	* KYG training, Session 1, CE office, 11 AM-2 PM- call for info
January 25	Top Cats Cat Show, Normandy Park Community Center, 9 AM-4 PM
	Jefferson County Cat Show (360-437-2388)
	*KYG training, Session 2, CE office, 11 AM-2 PM, call for info
February 1-2	Know Your Government (KYG) training, Sessions 1-4, Dianne Heaths'
	*KYG training, Session 3 (Feb 1), CE office, 11 AM-2 PM, call for info
February 5	4-H Association meeting, 7 PM
February 8-9	State 4-H Technology Conference, Toppenish, WA
	*KYG training, Session 4 (Feb 8), CE office, 11 AM-2 PM, call for info
February 13	County Spinning project meet, CE Office, 7 PM
Feb. 15	Volunteer training, CE Office, 9 AM-Noon
Feb 20-23	Know Your Government Conference, Olympia
Feb 26-Mar 2	Western Regional 4-H Leaders Forum, Portland
March 1	WSU Scholarship application deadline
March 1	Public Presentations for Districts 5,6,13 at CE Office
March 5	4-H Association meeting, CE Office, 7 PM
Mar 8	Super Saturday, CE Office, 8:30 AM-3:30 PM
Mar 15	Public Presentations for District 9
Mar 20	Project Night, CE Office, 7 PM
Mar 29	Public Presentations for District 12 at CE Office
	Small Farms Expo (including 4-H Presentations and Poultry show.)

A Big Green Clover to...

Please send in what you are doing so we may thank all of our hard working 4-H Volunteers and Youth.

■ GENERAL NEWS

■ Enrollments

We appreciate the many of you who have filled out various forms and have already submitted them to the office. Our faithful data entry volunteer, Bill Tennison, has processed all the volunteer enrollments we have received to date. Since that stack is close to 6 inches thick, that's quite an accomplishment for everyone!

We still need some additional forms from some of you and all of the forms from others of you. Remember, we cannot enroll you as a volunteer (leader, chaperone, etc) without those forms! To facilitate the process, please print clearly so that someone else can read it and include all the information requested. Please include a clear email address.

Among those items are Volunteer Application Forms which need to be filled out by any adult participating with 4-H youth (other than their own) who has not already filled them out. This includes those of you who act as transportation for youth other than your own, event chaperones, activity leaders, etc. If you are acting in any leadership capacity, you need to be an enrolled volunteer in order to be covered by medical and liability insurance provided by Washington State University.

Also needed will be the Washington State Patrol Volunteer Screening permission, which needs to be filled out, and signed by any adult volunteer who is or will be working in our program. In an effort to ensure the safety of every child enrolled in 4-H, current State 4-H policy requires that all adults who fit that description have and pass a criminal history check.

If you need copies of any of those forms, please contact the office.

■ Super Saturday, March 8

Here it is-our Spring workshop event! Each project should be represented by 2-3 workshops. The project needs to determine what should be offered and then secure presenters for those workshops. Project sign-up sheets will be available at Project Night on January 16. Your project will need to make their selections and sign-up on that night. Feel free to volunteer to give, or make requests to have, workshops outside your project area that would still be valuable to the 4-H program as a whole.

WE PLAN ON POSTING/MAILING THE SUPER SATURDAY REGISTRATION INFORMATION BY February 7. Given the time it takes to format, print and stuff, we need this information by January 28 in order to get it out to you in a timely manner.

■ **Japanese Exchange**

WSU Cooperative Extension/4-H Youth Development is now looking for families who would be interested in hosting a Japanese student for 3 weeks in July. Remember, these youth come with expense money and are willing to do what your family does, no big changes needed. It's a great opportunity to learn about another part of the world without having to go there. We also have a new curriculum, And My World, which will help you and your members learn about other countries and become better global citizens. Contact the office (206-205-3151) send in the **Information Please** at the end of the newsletter for more information and an application.

■ **Public Presentation Schedule**

Public Presentations will be done on a regional basis this year, rather than an area format. As you can see in the following schedule, there are 6 different regional public presentations being held at various locations and at various times prior to the county events. Any 4-H member may attend any one of the events before attending a county event which is the qualifier for State Fair.

In order to advance to a county event, each member must participate at the club and regional level first. Any participant at the regional level may advance to the county event, no matter what the ribbon award was at the regional level. However, if the ribbon award at regional was less than a blue, effort must be made to improve the presentation to blue quality before giving it again at the county level

Plus, as you can see, there are 2 additional state qualifying events available from which to choose if your schedule does not allow you to attend County Public Presentations on April 26.

DATE	KING COUNTY COUNCIL DISTRICTS	CONTACT
April 12	District 4 (Seattle)	Contact Bob Dunn (206-782-6261)
March 1	Districts 5,6, 13 (Auburn, Burien, Kent, Renton, SeaTac, Seattle, Tukwila At the County office)	Contact Lori Eisen (206-824-9211) or Linda Nodland (425-277-0443)
April 5	District 7 (Federal Way, Auburn)	Contact Susan Gormley (253-939-3927)
March 15	District 9 (Auburn, Enumclaw)	Contact Marguerite Long (253-833-8488) or Jim Olson (360-825-2699)
March 15	District 11 (Bellevue, Kirkland, Redmond)	Contact Nancy Rosenblum (360-651-8275)

March 29	District 12 (Black Diamond, Covington, Kent, Maple Valley, Sammamish)	Contact Marisa Dobiash (425-413-0428) or Ali Yarnell (425-392-1314)
County Public Presentations (State Qualifying events)		
April 26	Expected to be at Crossroads Shopping Center, Bellevue	
July (tbd)	Horse Education Day, King County Fair	
August 23,24	Seattle/King County Fair, Seattle (place TBD)	

As always, any member may participate at King County Fair whether they have done a presentation at the other levels or not. KCF is not a qualifying event for state fair. However, a member who has been unable to participate at one of the county events may make special arrangements with the Public Presentations Superintendent to qualify for State Fair. A state qualifying presentation done at County Fair is not eligible for premium points.

Small Farms Expo is scheduled for March 29 at the King County Fairgrounds in Enumclaw. This is their second annual event to offer information to those who have small acreage and wish to keep or raise animals or crops. 4-H has been requested to participate with animals, public presentations and displays. The Poultry Project has agreed to hold their annual show at this event. We need animal or agriculturally oriented public presentations to share with the attendees there, as well.

The Expo staff is looking for other activities to host as, too, like a Dog Agility course, Herding dog demonstration, Pack goat demonstrations, Horse breed exposition, Cattle display, etc. There is no charge for these activities unless sales are involved. Call the office (206-205-3151) if you, or someone you know, would like to be involved.

County 4-H Calendar

The calendar is now complete. It will be available on line for those who have web capability and should be included in this mailing for those who do not.

IRS Tax ID Number-Reminder

The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) requires 4-H units to have an IRS identification number. Reporting to IRS is explained in the new Treasurer's Book. Be sure that your club has an IRS ID number and it has been reported to the county 4-H staff. Check with your adult leader to see if your club already has one. Directions for getting a number can be found at <http://www.irs.gov> . (Form SS-4). You will need the 4-H Group Exemption Number (GEN) to complete this form. This number is 2704. The IRS has determined that 4 H is a 501©3 organization. There is a national 4-H publication that provides help in filling out this form (Tax-exempt Status of 4-H Organizations Authorized to Use The 4-H Name and Emblem). This publication is available at the following web site. <http://www.national4-hheadquarters.gov/4h_tax.pdf>. The following publication, which is currently under revision, "The 4-H Name and Emblem" has valuable

information on the use of the clover and fundraising. It can be downloaded from the web at the following address: http://www.national4-hheadquarters.gov/4h_name.pdf

4-H Association Fundraising

King County 4-H Association Benefit/Auction

We have identified a tentative date, February, 2004, for a benefit auction that could be held at Emerald Downs. With dinner and the auction package including audio-visual equipment, the tickets could run \$45 each. Optimally, the tickets would be sold to more non-4-H attendees than 4-H volunteers themselves. The idea is to have others in the community help support our great program, not continue to use our own families to fund all 4-H opportunities.

Stokes Auction Group is available to walk us through the process and would charge 5% of the gross profits at the end of the event. They have worked very successfully with other organizations in the Puget Sound to raise far more than those groups had hoped for originally

Charlie and Kim Mugler have volunteered to chair this effort. They have considerable prior experience and we are so happy to have them aboard! Meetings to outline a course of action for the Benefit/Auction and identify specific tasks with associated volunteers will take place prior to each monthly 4-H Association meeting. Many hands make light work-and small assignments. We need your input!

PROJECT NEWS

Project Night- January 16

January 16 is our next Project Night. Please plan to attend. A very short Child Protective video, mandated at the state level, will be shown with some discussion to follow. Therefore, we plan to begin our project meetings at 6:30 PM to accommodate all we need to do over the course of the evening.

Cats, Dogs, Family Living, Horses, Poultry and Teens are already scheduled to meet. Other projects need to make contact amongst themselves. Please call to indicate your participation if you are not involved in those already listed and want to meet that night.

Family Living has scheduled a "Lock-In" at the County office for April 11-12. This event could involve hands on cooking, sewing, games, eating and fun! Who knows, maybe there will be a surprise or two thrown in! In the process, participants can find out about and practice fair level activities, learn new skills and become involved in a Service Learning project. Please contact Floy Ziegler (206-723-2607), Mercy Maxwell (425-271-6373) or Elizabeth Tennison (425-271-3953) with your input!

Poultry members- The Spring Fryer Show will be held at the Spring Puyallup Fair, April 10-13th, 2003. If you have 4-Hers interested in participating, please complete the Fryer Contest Participation Form and return it to The Washington Fryer Commission by January 13.

Chicks are distributed in batches of 25 --however, since it may not be feasible for each person to raise 25 birds, participants may choose to split a batch of chicks. Each student who participates must bring a pen of 4 fryers of at least 4 pounds each and a completed record book to the show in April. Please note that we lowered the minimum weight for the show to encourage more participation. However, fryers raised under ideal conditions could weigh six pounds or more.

The fryer chicks, a complimentary bag of starter feed, and record books will be distributed at the Poultry Barn at the Puyallup Fairgrounds on Tuesday, February 25 between 1 and 3 pm. There will be an informational workshop from noon to 1 pm for those who are interested in learning more about raising chickens. It's a great opportunity to get some valuable growing tips and there is plenty of time for individual questions, too. Participants should plan to bring a box to take the chicks home.

At this point, we need the total number of birds and names of the participants from your 4-H group. Please complete the form (available from Sue Broderick or the WSU Cooperative Extension King County/4-H office) and fax it to the Washington Fryer Commission at 425-226-8238 by January 13. If you have any questions, please call Sue Broderick at 425-226-6125 or 1-800-743-2449, or contact her via e-mail at sue@cluckcluck.org.

■ **TEEN NEWS**

Its that time of year again - time for **Know Your Government!** The Know Your Government Conference will be held in Olympia from February 20 - 23, 2003 at the West Coast Olympia Hotel.

We have 2 pre-conference orientation/training that will be held.

1. Dianne Heath's home on February 1st and 2nd (Sessions #1-4) and
2. CE office, Jan 18 (Session #1), Jan 25(#2), Feb 1 (#3), Feb 8 (#4)

This event is open to all teens (presently in 4-H or not) currently in the 9th Grade or higher. Due to hotel space limitations we can't make any exceptions for Junior High/Middle Schoolers - 9th grade and up, please.

While the Conference does cost (registration fee, hotel room cost, non-covered meals/snacks), there will be partial scholarships available for those that apply. Please don't dismiss the idea of attending this very fun event simply due to money - talk to us and we'll do everything we can to ensure that those who are serious about going can indeed go.

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Yes, I would like to receive more information about something in this newsletter.

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ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____, WA ZIP _____

CLUB NAME: _____ CLUB # _____

Please Send:

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